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(54) **CHASSIS USED FOR AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE**

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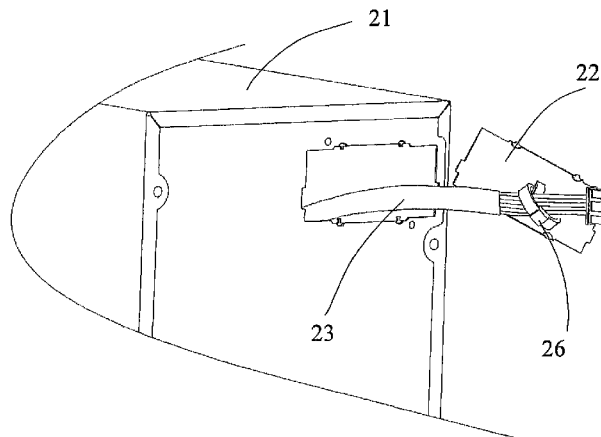
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A chassis used for an electronic device is disclosed, comprising: a main body (21) suitable for internally accommodating the electronic device, wherein the main body has an opening on at least one of its sides for accommodating the optional accessories of the electronic device; and a panel (22) for enclosing the opening when closed and exposing the

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opening when opened. The panel (22) is suitable to be connected with a cable (23), the first end of which is suitable for being electrically connected to the electronic device and the second end of which is suitable for being electrically connected to the optional accessories. The panel (22) maintains the cable (23) within the main body (21) when closed, and exposes the second end of the cable (23) when opened. According to an embodiment of the present invention, A UPS arranged inside the chassis described above is provided. A set of SNMP optional accessories are also provided for the UPS, which may be installed only when SNMP function is needed, so that the manufacture cost of the UPS is reduced.

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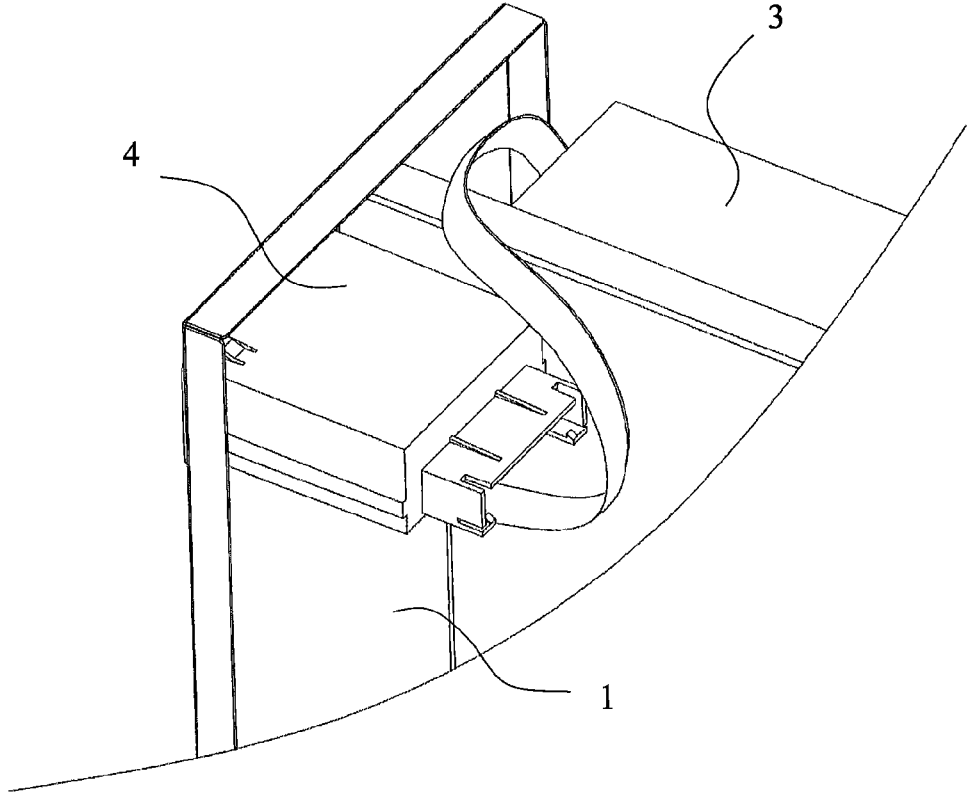


FIG. 1A

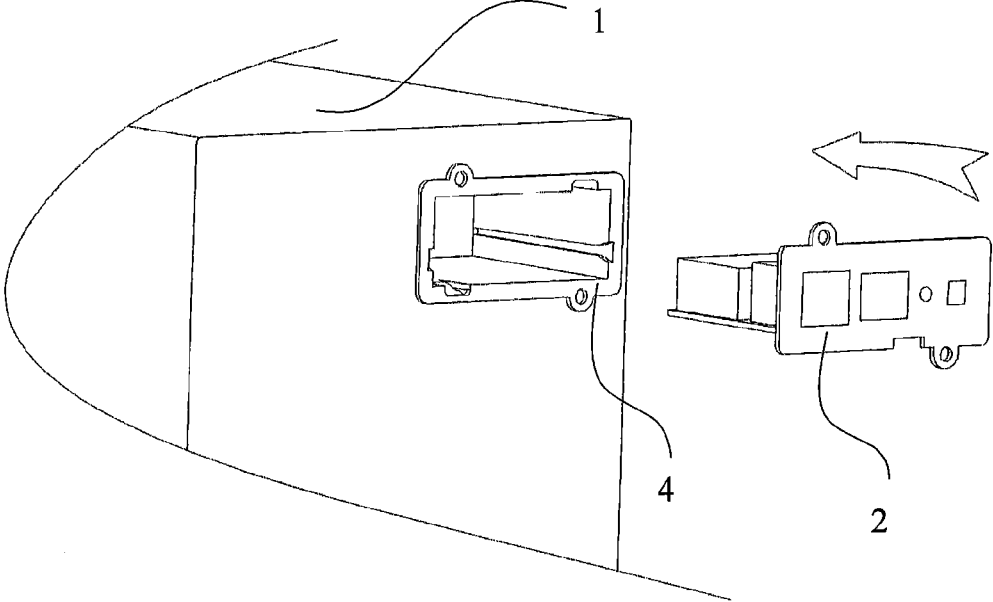


FIG. 1B

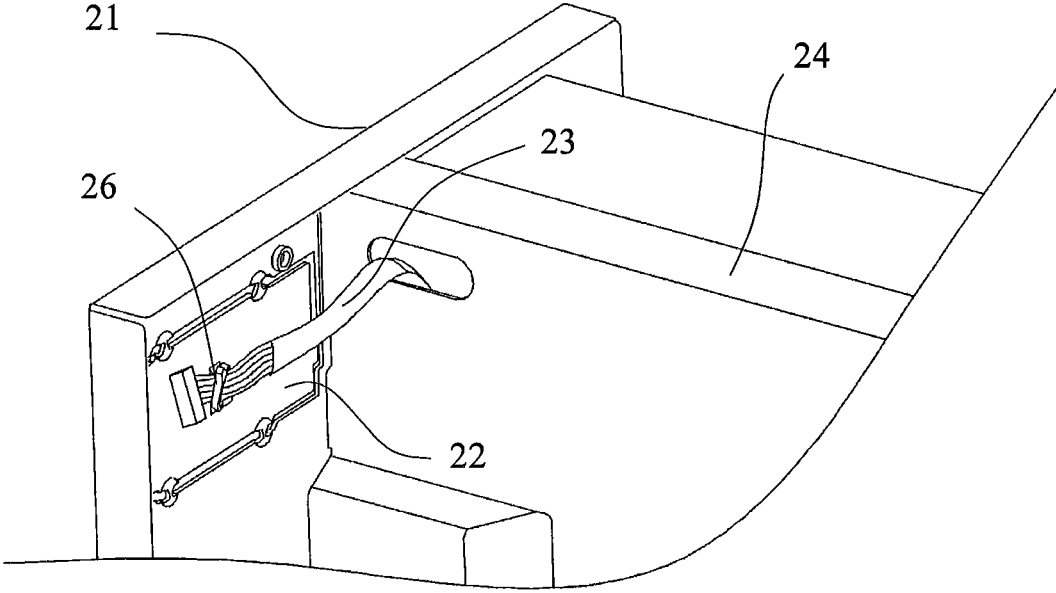


FIG. 2A

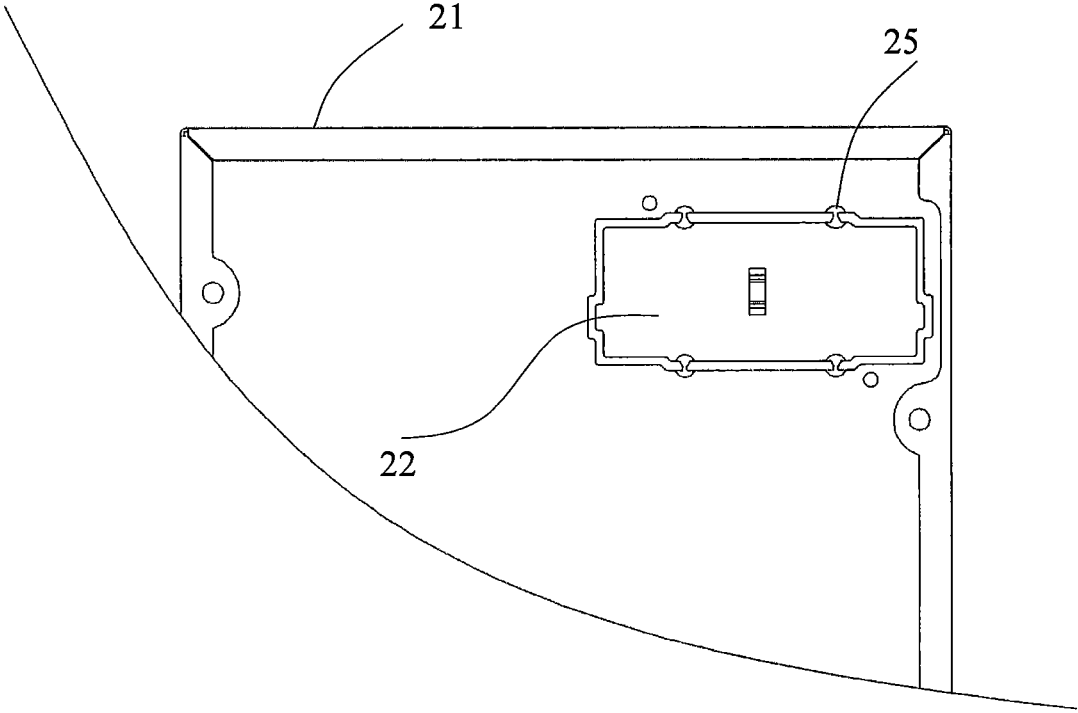


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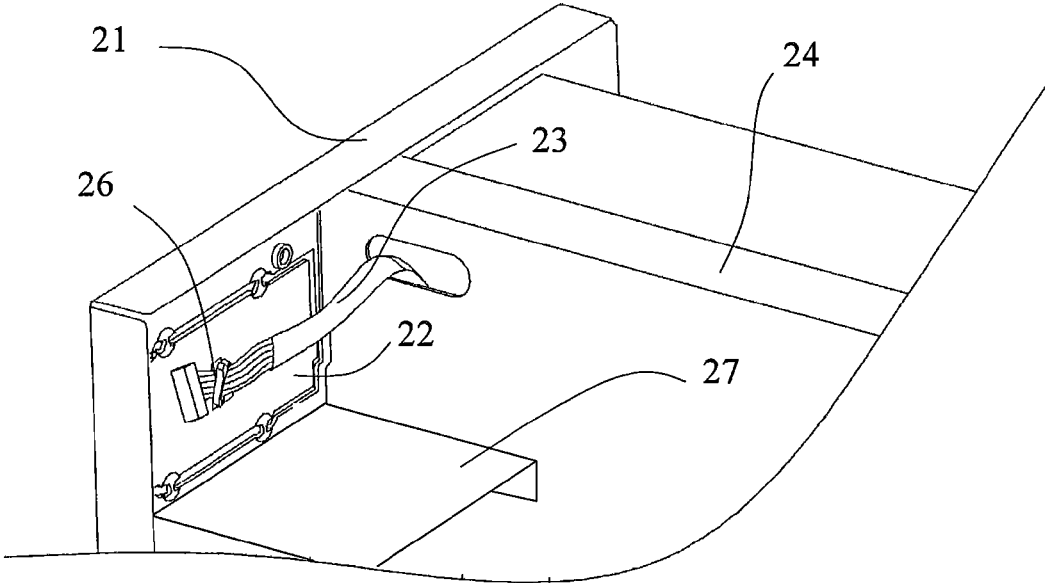


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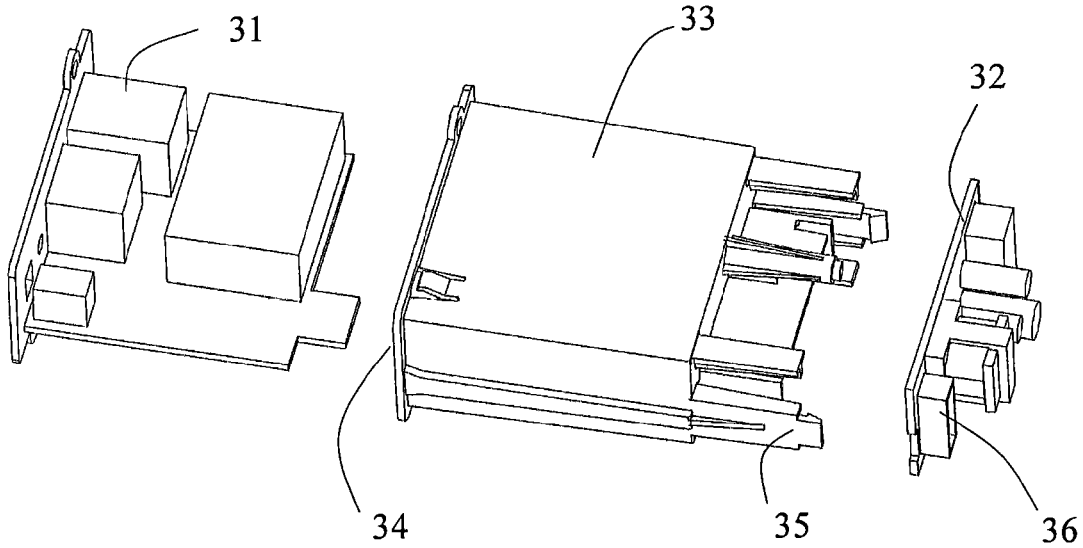


FIG. 3A

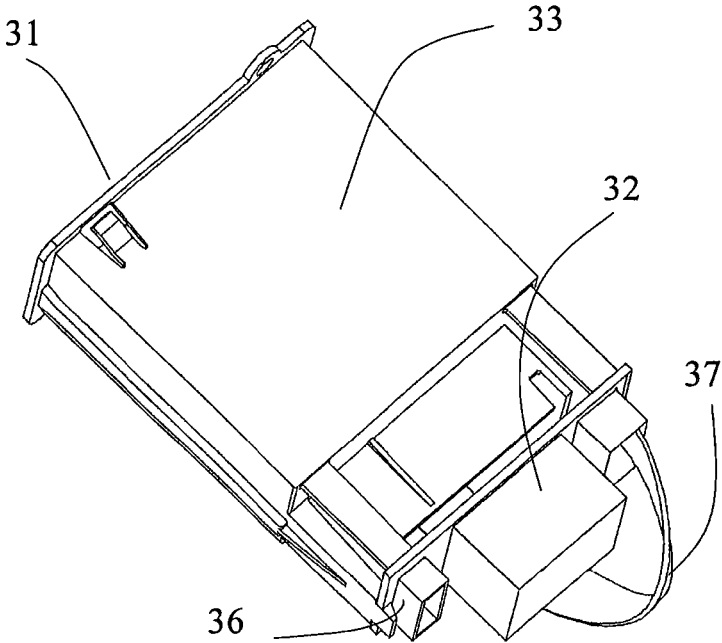


FIG. 3B

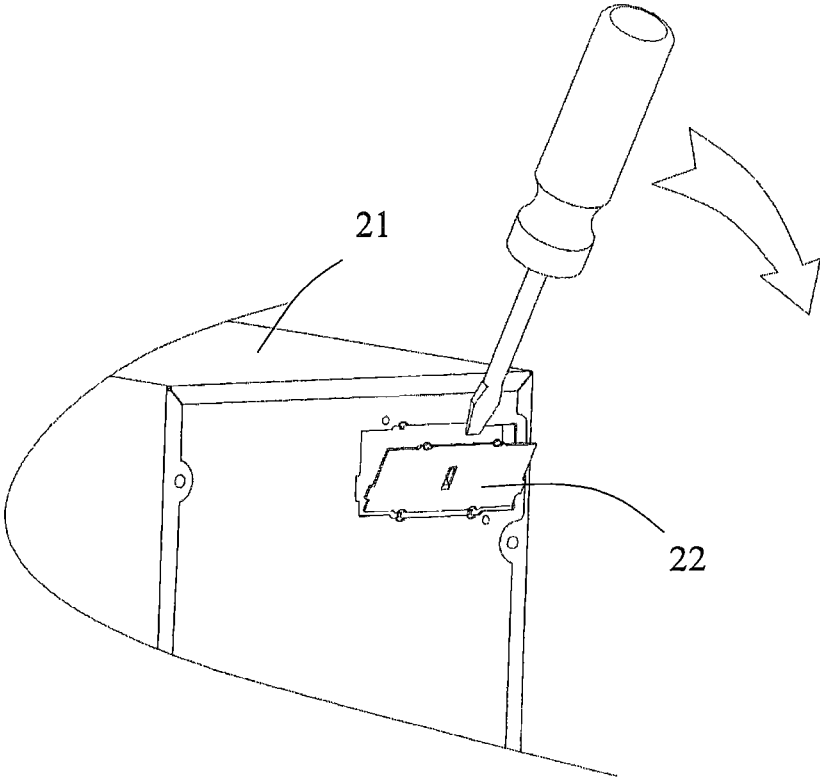


FIG. 4A

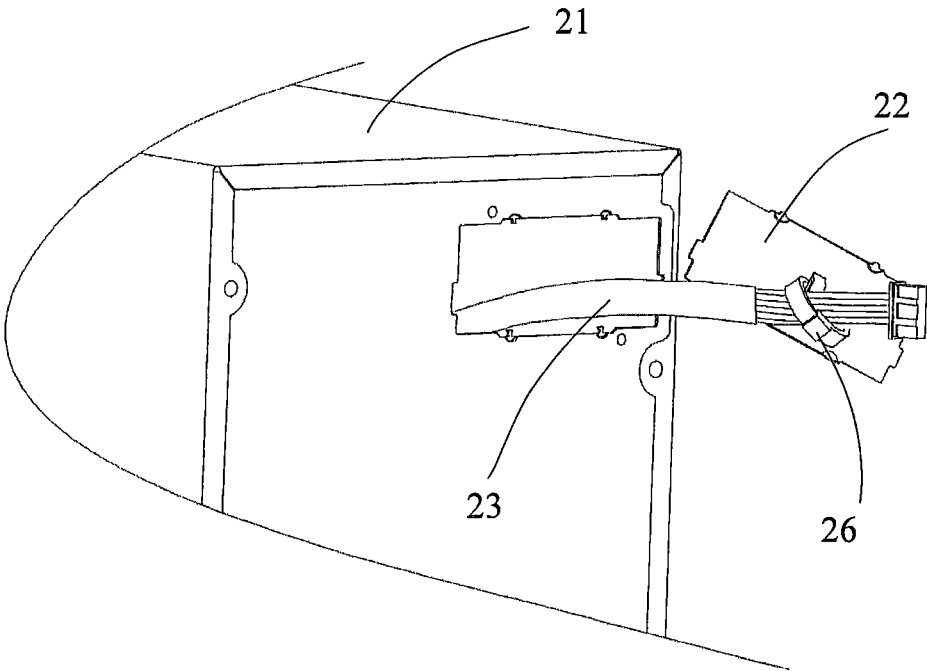


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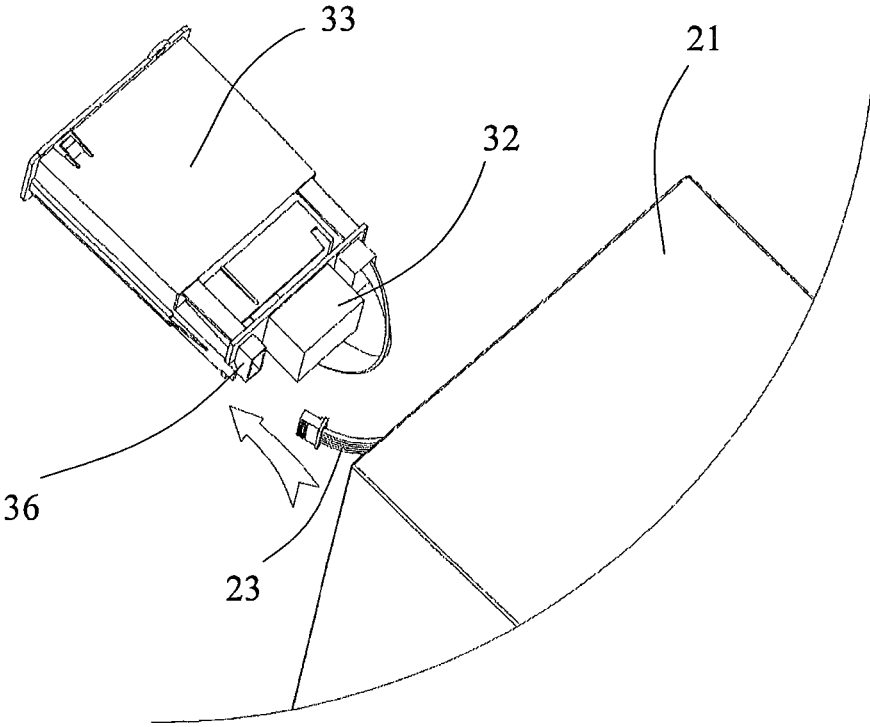


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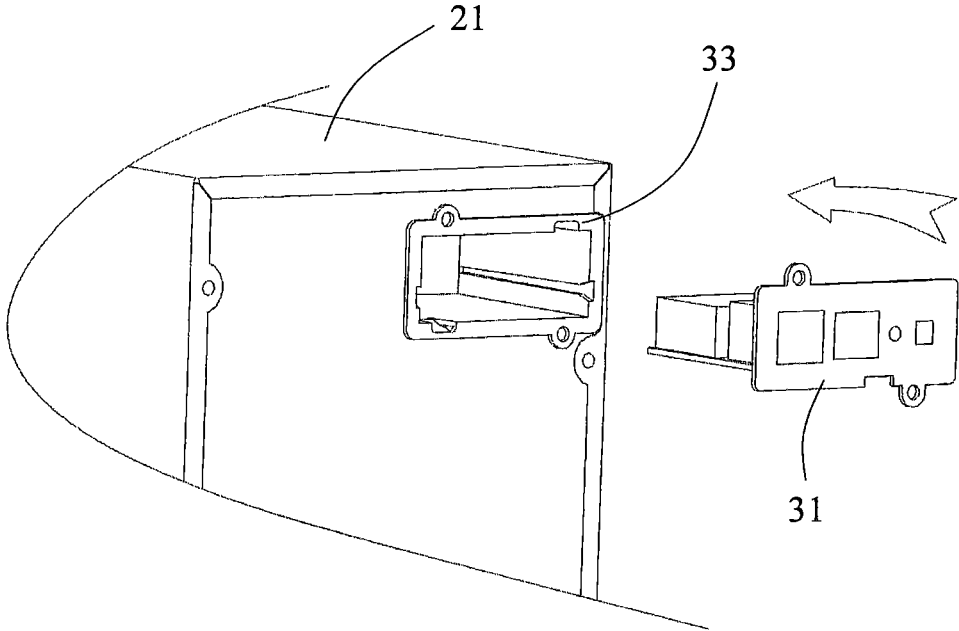


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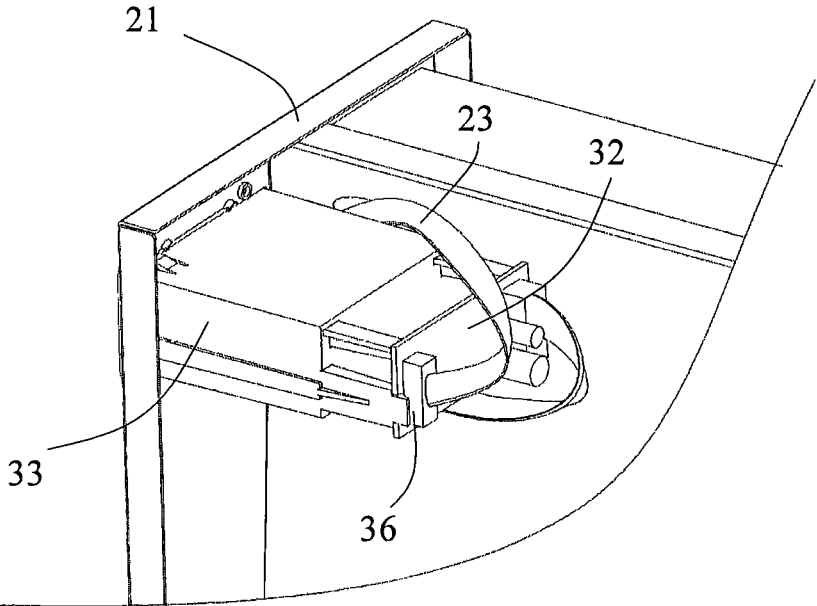


FIG. 5A

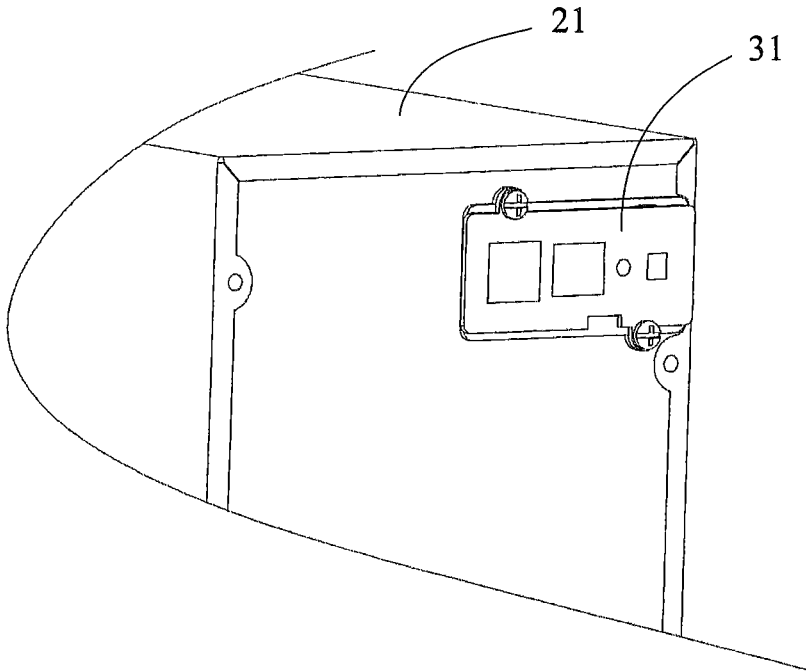


FIG. 5B

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**CHASSIS USED FOR AN ELECTRONIC
DEVICE**

RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. §371 national phase application of PCT International Application No. PCT/CN2013/087263, having an international filing date of Nov. 15, 2013, claiming priority to Chinese Patent Application No. 201210505184.8, filed Nov. 12, 2012. The disclosures of each application are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties. The above PCT International Application was published in the Chinese language as International Publication No. WO 2014/082531

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention generally relates to a chassis used for an electronic device and, more particularly, to a chassis for applying optional SNMP accessories into a UPS for realizing a SNMP function conveniently.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

UPS (Uninterruptible Power System) is an important peripheral device capable of providing continuous, stable and uninterruptible power supply, and has been widely used in computer devices, business terminals, network devices, network servers, data storage devices, business support platforms and even the whole communication network. At present, a highly available power system usually includes four parts: 1) a highly available electrical architecture, 2) a highly available, redundant UPS system, 3) a power management system and its integration with an enterprise information management system and 4) protection measures for long time electric supply failure. Therefore, it is very important to manage the UPS in order to ensure the high availability of the power system. The management of the UPS can be implemented by establishing an effective UPS monitoring system. An existing popular approach is to integrate the management of the UPS with the management of the network, that is, to add the USP into the network as a network node by utilizing an SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) card. On the one hand, the device can monitor its own state during run time, making it possible to perform preprocessing for some faults. On the other hand, users can monitor the running state of the UPS in real time at each node of the network and take effective countermeasures.

A UPS monitoring system mainly includes an intelligent UPS, an SNMP card and a power monitoring software. The intelligent UPS can communicate UPS parameter states with external communication terminals through standard communication ports according to the particular data communication protocols. As a network management agent of the UPS, the SNMP card can get some information related to the running state, the device characteristics and the system configuration of the UPS to which it belongs. The power monitoring software is used to cooperate with the UPS for learning the working state of the UPS.

An existing standard UPS with an SNMP function is partially shown in FIGS. 1A and 1B. To install an SNMP card 2, a space within a UPS chassis 1 should be reserved for an SNMP card box/card slot 4 for accommodating the SNMP card 2. However, because the SNMP card 2 is only an optional accessory of the UPS, the prepared SNMP card box 4 within the UPS chassis 1 undoubtedly results in a

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waste of manufacture cost for the UPS chassis that does not require an SNMP function. In addition, because an SNMP power controller/control board is integrated into the UPS PCBA (Printed Circuit Board Assembly) 3, the integration of the unused SNMP power controller into the PCBA, to a certain extent, causes a waste of manufacture cost for the UPS that does not require an SNMP function.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In order to solve the problems of the existing technology mentioned above, the present invention provides a chassis for electronic device including:

a main body suitable for internally accommodating electronic device, wherein the main body has an opening on at least one of its sides for accommodating the optional accessories of the electronic device; and

a panel for enclosing the opening when closed and exposing the opening when opened;

wherein the panel is adapted to be connected with a cable, the first end of which is suitable for being electrically connected to the electronic device and the second end of which is suitable for being electrically connected to the optional accessories, and the panel maintains the cable within the main body when closed, and exposes the second end of the cable when opened.

In an embodiment, the panel is provided with two holes, and a cable tie passes through both holes in sequence to tie the cable onto the panel.

In an embodiment, the panel is removable. In other embodiments, an edge of the panel is connected with the main body by a pivot, or the panel is connected with the main body in a snap-fit relationship.

In an embodiment, the second end of the cable is provided with a connector for being electrically connected to the optional accessories.

In an embodiment, chassis further comprises a fixing device suitable to fix the optional accessories which have been inserted into the opening within the main body.

The present invention also provides a UPS arranged inside the chassis for electronic device discussed herein.

In addition, the present invention also provides a set of SNMP optional accessories suitable for the UPS discussed herein. The SNMP optional accessories comprises an SNMP card and an SNMP power controller, wherein the second end of the cable is suitable to be electrically connected to the SNMP card and the SNMP power controller.

After investigation, the inventors found that there are only about 10% of the UPS users using the SNMP function in operation. Thus, compared to the existing standard UPS with the SNMP function, the present invention has the following advantages:

- 1) There is no need to pre-assemble the SNMP card box that is used as an optional accessory of the UPS in the chassis, thereby reducing the production cost of the UPS;
- 2) It is unnecessary to integrate the SNMP power controller into the UPS PCBA in advance, thereby further reducing the production cost of the UPS.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

FIG. 1A partially illustrates an internal perspective view of a standard UPS with an SNMP function;

FIG. 1B partially illustrates a back view of a standard UPS with an SNMP function and illustrates an SNMP card;

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FIG. 2A partially illustrates an internal perspective view of a chassis for electronic device according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2B partially illustrates a back view of a chassis for electronic device according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2C partially illustrates an internal perspective view of a chassis for electronic device according to another embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 3A is an exploded view of SNMP optional accessories according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 3B is a stereogram of SNMP optional accessories according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 4A-FIG. 4D are diagrams of a method for installing the SNMP optional accessories into a UPS according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 5A and FIG. 5B partially illustrate an internal perspective view and a back view of a UPS with the SNMP optional accessories installed respectively according to an embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention will be illustrated below in conjunction with the drawings and the specific embodiments.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, a chassis for electronic device is provided, as shown in FIG. 2A, which includes a main body **21** and a panel **22** suitable for being connected with a cable **23**.

The main body **21** can be any kind of chassis body suitable for accommodating an electronic device therein, and has an opening on at least one of its sides for accommodating the optional accessories of the electronic device.

The panel **22** is used to enclose the opening when closed and expose the opening when opened.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the panel **22** is removable. FIG. 2B illustrates an example of the panel **22** and the main body **21**, both of which are formed integrally during the manufacture of the chassis. Gaps are formed between the panel **22** and the main body **21** with one or more (four shown in FIG. 2B) fragile joints **25** between them. The panel **22** can be removed by destroying the one or more joints **25** with a slotted screwdriver and prying the panel **22** apart. In another case, the panel **22** can be fixed to the main body **21** by screws or rivets. Before installing the optional accessories, the screws can be removed and then the panel **22** can be removed.

In another embodiment, an edge of the panel **22** can be connected with the main body **21** by a pivot. The panel **22** can be rotated around the pivot towards the outside of the main body **21**, so as to form an opening in the main body **21** without removing the panel **22**. The benefit of this arrangement is that the panel **22** can be rotated around the pivot to enclose the main body **21** again if there is no need to reuse the optional accessories and the optional accessories have been removed. In another embodiment, the panel **22** is connected with the main body **21** in a snap-fit relationship, instead of using bolts.

The panel **22** is also connected with a cable (or an electric cable) **23**. As shown in FIG. 2A, the first end of the cable **23** is suitable to be electrically connected to the electronic device (not shown) accommodated in the chassis, and the second end of the cable **23** is suitable to be electrically connected to one or more optional accessories of the electronic device. The panel **22** can maintain the cable **23** within the main body **21** when closed and expose the second end of

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the cable **23** when opened. The second end of the cable **23** can be provided with a connector for being electrically connected to the optional accessories. When installing the optional accessories into a traditional chassis, tools are required to open the whole chassis since the area of the opening in the main body of the traditional chassis for accommodating the optional accessories is typically small and the required cable cannot be easily taken out of the chassis through the opening. The present invention provides a way of taking out the cable while opening the panel, which makes it easier to complete the installation of the optional accessories without opening the whole chassis.

Various connection methods can be used for connecting the second end of the cable **23** to the panel **22**. According to an embodiment of the present invention, the panel **22** can be provided with two through holes (a ribbon, such as a cable tie, a zip tie, a tether, etc. can pass through both holes). A cable tie **26** (shown in FIG. 2A) can pass through the two holes in sequence to tie the cable **23** onto the inner side of the panel **22** which forms part of the inner wall of the chassis when the panel **22** is closed. In a further embodiment, a portion of the panel between the two holes protrudes from its inner side, forming a handle that can facilitate the cable tie **26** passing through the two holes.

In another embodiment, in which the optional accessories are required to be electrically connected to multiple cables **23**, a panel **22** with more than two holes can be used to fasten a plurality of different cables **23** without affecting the robustness of the panel **22**. In other embodiments, if the size of each of the holes is large enough, the same two holes can be used in fastening the plurality of different cables **23** with different cable ties **26**.

In an embodiment of the present invention, a fixing device for providing fixing or supporting function is also included in the main body **21** of the chassis, such as a bracket, a slot, a support plate, etc. In the embodiment shown in FIG. 2C, the fixing device can be a bracket **27** protruding from a partition **24** and the bracket **27** is perpendicular to the partition **24** and suitable to support the optional accessories of the electronic device.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, a UPS arranged inside the chassis discussed above is provided.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, a set of SNMP optional accessories suitable for the UPS discussed above are provided. The SNMP optional accessories include an SNMP card and an SNMP power controller connected with the SNMP card via SNMP communication lines. In addition, the second end of the cable connected to the panel of the UPS can be electrically connected to the optional accessories.

FIG. 3A illustrates the components of the SNMP optional accessories according to an embodiment of the present invention. The SNMP card **31** and the SNMP power controller **32** can be fixed into a container, such as an SNMP card box/card slot **33**. The SNMP optional accessories shown in FIG. 3A is an integration of the SNMP card **31**, the SNMP power controller **32** and the SNMP card box **33**, which together form the optional accessories of the UPS. The SNMP card **31** can be inserted from the first side **34** of the SNMP card box **33** and fixed into the SNMP card box **33**. The SNMP power controller **32**, which has a slot **36**, can be fixed onto the second side **35** of the SNMP card box **33**. The assembled SNMP optional accessories are shown in FIG. 3B, wherein the SNMP card **31** is electrically connected with the SNMP power controller **32** via the SNMP communication line **37**. The SNMP optional accessories are suitable to

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be inserted into the opening of the UPS chassis and to expose the external port or interface of the SNMP card **31** after the installation of the SNMP optional accessories.

In another embodiment, there is no need to fix the SNMP card **31** into the SNMP card box **33**, that is, the SNMP card **31** and the SNMP card box **33** are separable. When installing the optional accessories, the SNMP card box **33** is fixed with the SNMP power controller **32** first, then, the SNMP card **31** is inserted into the SNMP card box **33** so as to complete the installation.

As mentioned before, a portion of the main body close to the panel can be provided with screw holes which are mated to the screws or bolts. In an embodiment, the SNMP optional accessories are provided with holes (e.g. screw holes) corresponding to the location of the screw holes in the main body. After installing the SNMP optional accessories into the UPS chassis, the screws can be used to pass through the holes in the SNMP optional accessories and the screw holes in the main body of the UPS, so as to fix the SNMP optional accessories onto the main body of the UPS.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, a method for installing the SNMP optional accessories into a UPS chassis is provided, which is illustrated from FIG. **4A** to **4D**, wherein the panel **22** and the main body **21** of the UPS chassis are formed integrally, the SNMP card **31** and the SNMP card box **33** are separable and the SNMP power controller **32** and the SNMP card box **33** are fixed together. The method comprises the following steps:

Step one: pry the panel **22** apart with a slotted screwdriver to form an opening in the main body **21**, as shown in FIG. **4A**;

Step two: untie the cable tie **26** for connecting the panel **22** with the cable **23** (as shown in FIG. **4B**) and pull the connector of the cable **23** out;

Step three: plug the connector of the cable **23** into the slot **36** of the SNMP power controller **32** (as shown in FIG. **4C**) and insert the SNMP power controller **32** and the SNMP card box **33** into the main body **21** through the opening therein;

Step four: insert the SNMP card **31** into the SNMP card box **33** (as shown in FIG. **4D**).

A perspective view and a back view of the UPS chassis after installation are shown in FIGS. **5A** and **5B**.

In an embodiment, in which a portion of the main body close to the panel is provided with screw holes and the SNMP optional accessories are also provided with holes corresponding to the screw holes in the main body, the method further comprises:

Step five: fix the SNMP card into the UPS chassis with screws.

In another embodiment, in which the SNMP card has been already fixed into the SNMP card box, the third step of the installation process can be replaced with the follows:

plug the connector of the cable into the slot of the SNMP optional accessories and insert the SNMP optional accessories into the main body through the opening therein. Then, skip Step four.

It should be noted and understood that various modifications and changes can be made to the present invention described in detail above without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention required by the following claims. Therefore, the claimed scope of the technical solutions should not be limited by any specific exemplary embodiments provided in the specification.

What is claimed is:

1. A chassis used for an electronic device, the chassis comprising:

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a main body configured to accommodate the electronic device, wherein the main body has an opening on at least one of its sides configured to accommodate an optional accessory for the electronic device; and

a panel configured to conceal the opening in a first orientation and to be moved to a second orientation that exposes the opening for installation of the optional accessory through the opening; and

a cable having a first end electrically connected to the electronic device and a second end mechanically attached to the panel and configured to be electrically connected to the optional accessory, wherein the panel is configured for attachment of the cable thereto when the optional accessory is not installed such that the second end of the cable is retained within the main body when the panel is in the first orientation and the second end of the cable moves from an interior of the main body to outside the main body through the opening and the first end remains electrically connected to the electronic device when the panel is moved from the first orientation to the second orientation, wherein the panel has two holes therein, and further comprising a cable tie passing through both holes in sequence to tie the cable onto the panel, and wherein the panel is fastened to the main body in the first orientation and removed from the main body in the second orientation.

2. The chassis of claim **1**, wherein the panel is configured to pivot at an edge of the panel to expose the opening in the second orientation.

3. The chassis of claim **1**, wherein the panel is connected to the main body in a snap-fit relationship.

4. The chassis of claim **1**, further comprising a connector coupled to the second end of the cable and configured to releasably connect to the optional accessory.

5. The chassis of claim **1**, further comprising a bracket configured to support the optional accessory within the main body when the optional accessory is inserted through the opening.

6. The chassis of claim **1** wherein the electronic device comprises a UPS.

7. The chassis of claim **6** wherein the optional accessory comprises an SNMP card or an SNMP power controller.

8. An apparatus comprising:

a chassis supporting a UPS and having opening therein configured to accept an accessory for the UPS and a panel configured to conceal the opening in a first orientation and movable to a second orientation to expose the opening and allow installation of the accessory; and

a cable having a first end electrically coupled to the UPS and a second end configured to be coupled to the accessory, wherein the panel is configured for attachment of the cable thereto when the accessory is not installed such that the second end of the cable is retained within the chassis when the panel is in the first orientation and moves outside of the chassis through the opening while the first end remains electrically connected to the UPS within the chassis when the panel is moved to the second orientation, wherein the panel has two holes therein, and further comprising a cable tie passing through both holes in sequence to tie the cable onto the panel, and wherein the panel is fastened to the chassis in the first orientation and removed from the chassis in the second orientation.

9. The apparatus of claim **8** further comprising a connector at the second end of the cable and configured to releasably electrically connect to the accessory.

10. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the panel is configured to pivot to expose the opening.

11. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the panel is configured to be snap fit attached to the chassis.

12. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the accessory 5 comprises an SNMP card or an SNMP power controller.

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